

unless it's on a freebie of some kind. And so if you really want to do something, and you think it is such a whale of a good deal, then not only go yourself, take some of your friends and neighbors along. Shucks, get together a bus and go down to the track. I think it would be a good idea. I was born and raised among the horsemen. I went to high school with the Van Berg family and I learned to love the thoroughbreds at a young age. And I also agree they are a part of Nebraska. What I am saying is that they are a part of Nebraska you can't disassociate, you cannot disassociate the track, nor can the track disassociate itself from the rest of the state. We are going to have some other bills come along, all of which are going to have an economic impact, most of them are going to need money. So, what I am saying is that when we passed LB 185, when you pass LB 467, when you pass some of the rest of the bills I hope you will take a look at it in the same kind of context, the same sort of broad-minded view. May well be, ladies and gentlemen, may well be that when the time comes and the budget comes down the pike, Senator Warner stands up here and lays the numbers out that you are going to have to bite the bullet, maybe an income tax increase or a sales tax increase, and there may be something else you have to do to raise some money. But you cannot pass these bills without addressing that issue. It is going to be a matter of the state employees, and how are you going to address them? I want to point out also that there will be some legislation advanced later on here, we hope, that has to do with agriculture. I would hope that I do come out of the appropriation process with more than the good wishes of my good friends on the Appropriations Committee for natural resources. I think, and I can justify a substantial amount of money invested in natural resources of this state. I think that is a part of the process. I think that, I hope that you would show the same kind of broad-mindedness in the ensuing days that you have in the past. But look at it in the entire context of a state budget and not just in how it affects this, and when do I get mine, am I going to run? I hope, Senator Rex, that 467 doesn't come uncoupled from 185 about the time when 467 gets across the finish line and leaving you a little bit short of the finish line. So I would hope that...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR SCHMIT: ...in the next few days, as we debate other bills, in the next few weeks, as we debate the budget bills, that you give the same kind of careful, close scrutiny to those bills that you've given to these the past two days. We're going